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Since my last report three cases of plague have occurred in Callao. Smallpox in Lima seems to be disappearing.

Bills of health from Chile report plague as follows: Valparaiso: Bubonic plague reported; number of cases unknown (May 14). Antofagasta: Plague cases 24, deaths 2 (May 17). Iquique: Only a few cases in the hospital and no new cases reported (May 20). Arica: There are several cases of plague in the port and in the surrounding country (May 21).

The captain of the steamship *California* reports that a case of plague occurred on his vessel fourteen hours out from Valparaiso while bound for Coronel. The patient was a fireman employed at the Spanish bakery in Valparaiso. No other cases took place on the vessel, which is now bound to Valparaiso from Callao.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Smallpox—Interisland quarantine suspended—Inspection of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, May 8:

Week ended May 2.

Eight cases of smallpox with 3 deaths were reported.

There has been a still further decrease in the number of smallpox cases reported for the week.

The status of the quarantinable diseases in and about Manila is so favorable that it was deemed advisable again to dispense with the making it compulsory for interisland vessels to secure bills of health before leaving Manila. Accordingly circular letter to this effect was issued May 2, 1908.

During the week consular bills of health were issued as follows:

April 27, the British steamship *Sungkiang* with 62 in the crew and with 9 passengers, en route from Amoy to Cebu and Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health. Crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected at the Mariveles Quarantine Station on the date of departure.

April 29, the British steamship *Muncaster Castle* with 45 in the crew, en route from New York to Iloilo and Cebu, was granted a supplemental bill of health.

May 2, the French steamship *Binh Thuan* with 49 in the crew and with 1 passenger, en route from Pnom-Peuh to Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection.

ST. LUCIA ISLAND.

Reports from Castries—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Maylie reports, June 1 and 8:

Week ended May 30. One steamship was fumigated and granted a bill of health.

No quarantinable diseases exist.

Week ended June 6. No quarantinable diseases exist.

The steamship *Nanette* arrived here June 5, and sailed the same day for New York after nine hours' fumigation. The vessel carried a cargo of asphalt taken on at Guanaco, Venezuela.